

# SIXTEEN YEAR OLD JEWISH BOY HEROICALLY DEFENDED AGED MOTHER.

Uzhorod, Czechoslovakia: (By I. J. P. B.) A young Jewish boy of a village near Munkacs, in northern Czechoslovakia bravely defended his sixty year old mother and his two brothers against a group of armed, riotous soldiers who attempted to break into their home in the middle of the night.

From their peaceful sleep all the members of this Jewish family were suddenly awakened by a loud rapping on their closed gate, and by harsh, drunken voices that demanded to be admitted. When no one in the house stirred to obey, the soldiers began to shoot through the windows. The director of the company, Fazekas, did not like his presence in the establishment and pointed him out to the Brachial military officers. He was immediately taken in hand, but after a short incarceration was released to be kept under constant observation. Somehow, the officers' detachment was informed that Friedman carried 300,000 kronen on his body. Mr. Friedman was at once re-arrested, and ordered to be sent to Hajelmasker. But he never reached that city. His remains were later discovered lying in the forest. First Lieutenant Baghby, who has many similar cases on his conscience, in his murderer. Everybody knows it; the Government is aware of it; yet his murderer is free and is hailed as a national hero.

In the Veszpremer, the official organ of the Christian Kurs, appeared an advertisement stating that at a given place good wine was to be had cheaply in large quantities. It attracted the rich wine merchant, Rosner, who went to the given address. Here he was met by a first lieutenant who directed him to a certain estate. Rosner never returned from there. Three weeks later his corpse was dragged out of a well in a prairie.

Since many months ago, the Budapest Brachial officers have divided the city into definite regions for plundering and blackmailing the Jews. This campaign is being led by the city commandant, Heger, First Lieutenants Zombory and Toth, and a baptized Jew, Dr. Ludwig Fischer. At the end of last April, Lieutenant Solyomosi made the discovery that the "General Staff" of these highwaymen knights was not handling the booty honestly. Heger, Zombory and Fischer were placed under arrest by their comrades and their houses were searched. From these investigations it became known that the bandit gang accumulated twenty million kronen as the fruit of their plunder.

Chief surgeon Dr. Stephen Bokor, was murdered during one of the plunder excursions of the Pronay-Gardists. Dr. Bokor was one of the finest surgeons in the Hungarian army during the war, and served on several fronts with honor and distinction. Only six months ago, he returned to his native land from a war prisoners' camp in Italy.

into the house. Fortunately—or rather unfortunately, for the soldiers—there was a revolver in the house, which was wielded by the young son of the widow, with an accuracy that spelled death. A regular siege began during which two of the uniformed marauders were mortally wounded. The rest picked up their dying and fled for their lives.

The next day a whole company of armed soldiers came and arrested the widow and her three sons as well as all the Jews of the village. They were all taken to Munkacs. Many of the Jews, including the family in question were so brutally beaten on the way that they had to be placed in a hospital. On the second day after the arrival of the prisoners into Munkacs, the funeral of the two fallen soldiers was held. During that whole day groups of soldiers lined the streets and savagely attacked every Jewish man, woman or child that dared show himself outside of the confines of his home. Still other soldiers stationed themselves at the railway station and searched every passing train for Jews, whom they beat and kicked whenever found.

A delegation representing the two Zionist societies in Uzhorod, the "Agudath Hamisrachi" and the "Achduth" visited the vice-governor of Carpathian-Russia to protest against these outrages. The vice-Governor, Herr Peter Ehrenfeld expressed his deepest regrets at the incident, recalled to the delegation his former impartiality and friendliness, and promised to do his utmost that such brutalities may never recur.

## BELGIAN CATHOLIC PUBLISHER STAMPS HOLLOSI AS FORGER AND THIEF.

Antwerp: (By I. J. P. B.) The case of the Rabbi Loew of Szegedin, Hungary, and of his chief persecutor, the renegade Jew, Hollosi, has caused a stir both in Belgium and in Holland. A rather influential personage, Albert Grunfeld, the publisher of the Eindhovens Dagblad, a strictly Catholic organ, has now come forward to expose the real character of Hollosi.

In its issue of June 19th, the above mentioned organ stated that a libel-

ous campaign was being carried on against Hollosi. On June 23rd, the same periodical printed a letter by its publisher, beArlt Grunfeld. Not only does Mr. Grunfeld confirm the statement of the Grand Rabbi of Amsterdam that Hollosi was found untrustworthy by a bank in Amsterdam and was dismissed, but he brings new facts to bear on the character of the man. Before the war, Hollosi was employed by the firm of Freudberg & Company of Antwerp. He was found guilty of embezzling money and of

falsifying the company's books, and he had to flee from justice. The Catholic publisher concludes: "What he has to do with Christianity is incomprehensible to me. He is a renegade Jew, therefore a Godless man."

Yet, one of the leading rabbis of Hungary, and one of the greatest Jewish scholars is being tried for his life on the mere word of this same Hollosi, and the Hungarian government pretends to go through all the ceremonies of justice to convict him.



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